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President's Message By Daniel Powers

As lakes thaw, consider fishing for mountain trout this spring and summer. For our new members and for those members that have not fished for a while, I encourage you to sign up for one or more fly-fishing outings our club has organized and sanctioned.

RRFF members have scouted Northern California lakes and rivers and streams that have been found suitable for all levels of fly fishers in our club. Go to our website and sign up for a fly-fishing trip that fits your needs level and you'll be among other like-minded fly fishers experiencing a good time. Click [link](#) to search monthly fly-fishing locations organized by our club. Also, it's appropriate if you want to reach

out to the leader of one of those trips if you have questions, or if you'd rather talk with me about your questions and needs, then you can reach me at my email address and I'll help you, click [link](#).

Happy fishing, Daniel Powers

Click [link](#) to club calendar and RRFF outing sign-up sheets.

Club Activities	May Date & Time	June Date & Time
Daylight Savings Time Fly Casting Clinics Day & Hours	Every Thursday 4:30 - 7:00 PM	Every Thursday 4:30 - 7:00 PM
RRFF Family BBQ At the Pond	X	6/7 th 11:30 - 3:30 PM
Advanced Beginner Class at the Pond (Gregg Wrisley)	5/3	X
General Meeting	5/14 6:30 - 9:00 PM	6/11 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Lake Almanor Hex Hatch (Mike Tibbet)	X	6/13-15th
Board Meetings	5/21 7:00 to 8:00	6/18 7:00 to 8:00
Lake Manzanita (Ed Barich)	X	6/19-22nd
Siskiyou Lake Outing (Ed Barich)	5/15 – 5/18	X

RRFF General Meeting By Mike Borba

Our May meeting presentation will be given by Michael Malekos. Michael has five decades of experience fly fishing for trout in California. He's a regular columnist for California Fly Fisher magazine, and is the founder of Casting A Rise, an organization that raises money for charitable, educational, and nonprofit organizations through fly fishing. Michael's presentation will center on the core components of fly fishing for trout on some of our favorite Northern California fisheries.

Luk Lake A Beginner's Excursion By Lynn Hoyer

Upon arriving at the rolling hills west of Interstate 5, I was awestruck by the vast expanse that existed beyond the pavement. Beautiful undulations of green seemed unending as the dirt road kept winding further through the grasslands. Just when I thought I was lost, the small handmade signs appeared, "Right to Luk Lake or left to the house."

I began "gearing up" for my first trip out on the water when a clap of thunder echoed. Within minutes we were taking cover in our vehicles awaiting what we hoped would be a quick passing storm. After fifteen minutes we all headed to the house for a warmer cover. Luckily, we were able to get on the lake for an early evening fly-fishing jaunt.

Some people hooked a few, some didn't. Friday evening was Mexican cuisine served hot and plenty. Plans were made for most to meet at the lake at 7 AM the next morning.

I arrived to meet Mike Tibbet who showed me all the parts of the kayak on which I was about to embark.

How to navigate on a pedal kayak without tipping over or dropping any fly-fishing gear, and yes, even fish. As my first time sitting on the water with rod in hand, pushing the kayak pedals, avoiding tule growth at the lake's edge, and steering with the other hand I wondered how I would ever tie on a fly, much less fish.

But after a short time, things began to feel intuitive. Gliding across the water was very serene and had I caught a fish that would've been the equivalent to icing on the cake.

After a few hours, I turned in my kayak for a ride with Gregg Wrisley and Alice in which I learned about different terms used when people talk about rods and line. Fish sightings were quiet for most of us before we went in for lunch.



Lynn hauls her large bass into Don's boat while Jan observes with admiration.

For the afternoon ride, I landed in Don Shaw's boat along with Jan for a fun, hilarious and productive day. I guess I had the lucky rod, as the bass didn't want to leave my poor green wooly bugger alone. In fact, Don had me tie on a brown wooly bugger which worked even better. He explained, "When there is low light or when you are fishing at night, the fish because of their eyesight prefer darker colored flies." I lost a couple fish to the tules, one to aerial acrobatics, a couple "drive-bys" and still brought a good number to the boat.

Saturday night a few of us got a lesson on the different types of flies we had in our possession and the sorting began! I thought if we had a deck of cards we could've used the flies as currency for a few games of poker.

I believe most everyone caught something, I know we all enjoyed ourselves and learned some new things: different knots, types of flies and when to use them, how to fish from a boat or kayak and how not to hook your mates, bass are harder than trout when handling, and that these fish really like wooly buggers.

Also, there is never a shortage of delicious food on these trips.

Thank you to the mentors for providing us with your knowledge, time and camaraderie.

Editor—I received correspondence (below) from two other RRF members that experienced the Luk Lake Excursion, expressing their appreciation in writing.

Jan Lees

“THANK YOU all for an enjoyable weekend with valuable instruction, delicious food, and good company. I appreciate the time and effort you gave. Many thanks, Jan Lees”

Mike Spurlock (Luk Lake Planner)

“I want to thank everyone who contributed to this fly-fishing excursion.

- Jan Shaw who took on the request to coordinate the food and all the work she did to run the kitchen and meals.
- Catherine who worked with The Fly Shop to rent the facilities and helped me plan it. I know she really missed being with us.
- Don for the work he did on several Minn Kota trolling motors and for the other fly-fishing equipment he brought to Luk Lake.
- Gregg for bringing his brother's boat and the fly lesson he prepared for Saturday night.
- Mike Tibbet showed us how effective fishing can be with the right equipment and skills. (I am sure that most of that was the fish were attracted to his music).
- Malcolm and Rod for joining the group. That probably took some nerve.
- All the women who fished and enjoyed their time on the lake. It really is fun to help people learn new things about fly fishing, especially when they appreciate it. And as one of you

told me, thank you all for not falling overboard or hooking someone.

Thank you, Mike Spurlock”

**‘My Fly Line Stopped’
By Peter Taylor**

Living on the Russian River is convenient for fly fishing. I wake up, roll out of bed right into my waders, grab my gear, and I’m on the river casting in about 10 minutes. But this steelhead season was slow for the third year in a row. This year the rain kept blowing out the river. I was only able to fly fish for a few days. I only hooked one steelhead by the end of February, and it looked like the river was done for the year.

The only way to fly fish and possibly hook a steelhead was to travel, like most fly fishers must do, not convenient, but worth it. My friend Don must have had the same thoughts. He called me and said, “Let’s go fishing on Monday.” I said, “Great idea.” He countered and said, “How about the Gualala, my son heard there were some fish.” And he added, “I’ll drive.” I said, “Okay, I’ll buy lunch.”



Peter Taylor displays his 1948 model Bamboo Rod built by Lew Stoner. And his effective Boss fly.

I consistently prepare my equipment the evening prior, evaluating the equipment’s condition and determining the most compatible gear for the situation. Bamboo rods stole my heart about five

years ago, so I decided to use my new (to me) vintage Winston 9' 5 1/8 oz. bamboo rod built in 1948 by Lew Stoner. I picked a type III sinking line for the outing and selected a Boss fly tied by someone I met at King's Sport and Tackle. He had tied so many steelhead flies, his wife asked what he was going to do with all of them. He thought about his wife's question and brought a bunch to King's and donated them to the shop for all the great information King's had provided him over the years. I bought about 20 of his Boss's and Comet's.

Don picked me up early Monday morning and during the drive north we decided to start fly fishing at Switchville. It's not my favorite spot for catching, but it's a great run for fly casting. We arrived and I started gearing up with the usual excitement. I decided to fish the *Bathtub Hole* first because there was a gear guy fishing Switchville that morning. No bites at the *Hole*, so back down to Switchville. Fortunately, the gear fisherman had moved down river, so I decided to fish the run. Wading in at the top, I began casting the line out short until I was reaching about 60 to 70 feet, with the Boss fly landing a few feet from the willows on the opposite bank. My casting pattern was cast, mend, let it swing, step down, repeat, always wanting a bite on every swing, but as we all know, this pattern could be 1000 casts away from a steelhead strike.

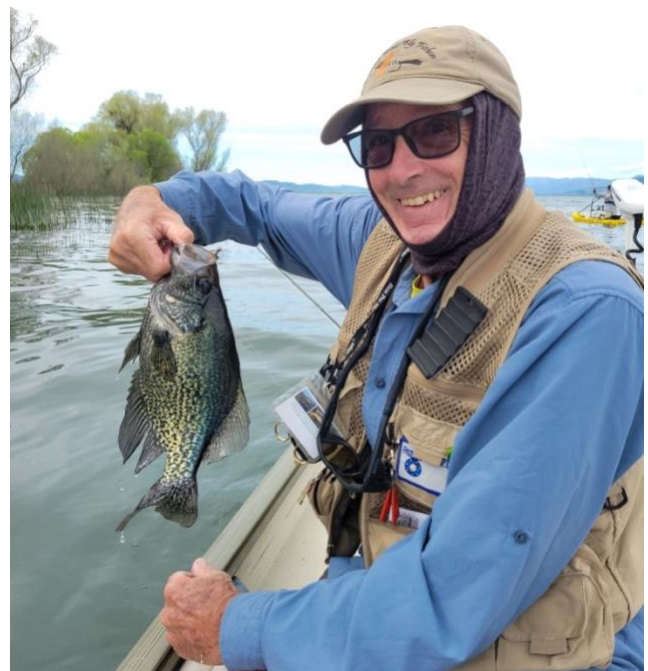
About the 25th cast during the swing my fly line stopped, and I quickly thought, "A fish!—maybe a snag?" I lifted the rod, and a most welcome fierce head shake showed itself and then the fish moved upriver, then down. I could tell it was a good size steelhead, and the current wasn't helping. I moved downriver, keeping the line tight to tire the fish, but it took off on a long run. I let her run with my rod down while my Hardy Marquis reel was loudly clicking, and line was disappearing fast. The fish finally slowed and stopped; I lifted the rod to keep it tight to the fish. Then I began bringing her back upriver. It was a long tug of war, and my right forearm became fatigued, but I finally got her close. Keeping the rod high, she turned on her side and I saw that she was done pulling. I got her to hand in about a foot of water. It took every bit of my last muscle strength to

wrest control of that wild steelhead, take a photo, and let her go to watch her swim away.

I was ready to leave but stayed a few more hours, hoping Don would catch one. He might need another 700 casts to land one of these elusive fish.

Clear Lake 2025 Outing Report By Ed Barich

On the weekend of April 11-13, a group of RRF members including outing leader Pam Boyd DeCoite, Ed Barich, Mike Borba, Don Shaw, Gregg Wrisley, Jason Baker, Tony Powell, Larry Dellard and Kevin Ostrom gathered at Clear Lake State Park to do some early season warm water fly fishing on the largest natural lake entirely within California. For many of us, it was the first camping trip of the new year, and we were blessed with warm days and pleasant campground surroundings.



Larry with his Clear Lake crappie.

Clear Lake is known as one of the premier bass lakes in US, but our quarry was a panfish called crappie that are plentiful and fun to catch with a fly rod. We picked this weekend to coincide with the start of the crappie spawning period, when they are most active and cooperative. On our floating fly lines, we used "float-n-fly" rigs, which consist of 1/32 oz. feathered jig tied to the end of an 8-foot mono leader. An indicator (float) is attached to the leader above the jig so that

the fly is suspended a foot or so above the lake bottom or submerged weeds. The crappies tend to hang out along the edge of shoreline tules where the water depth is 7 to 9 feet. When the rig is cast near the tules, the jig quickly sinks and swings under the float, attracting a fish. If you don't get a bite in under 30 seconds, it's best to cast to another spot until you get some action.

Although crappie don't fight as hard as a bass, the Clear Lake variety run 12 to 14 inches and can put a respectable bend in a 5-weight rod. When you get into a school of crappie, the bite can be fast and furious. On my kayak Friday afternoon, I located a school of fish on a shoreline about a half mile from the boat launch. Shortly after, Gregg showed up in his power boat with Larry and the three of us had two hours of action. By the time things had slowed down, we had each landed about a dozen crappie.

The crappie bite slowed down a bit on Saturday morning, but I was able to guide Tony in his 14-foot Klamath motorboat to his first fish ever (a crappie) on a fly rod! Tony is an experienced bass (gear) fisher, but he soon found the faster crappie "on the fly" action appealing. Gregg used his boat to get Pam's son-in-law Jason onto some fish and guided him to catch the most fish of our group that day. On my kayak in the afternoon, I ran into Mike on his pontoon boat just outside the park launch area. Mike had been fishing there all day and caught numerous largemouth bass, including one that measured 22 inches (the biggest fish of the outing), all caught on a float-n-fly rig. Mike had proved that even with a short-range rowed boat you could still have fly fishing fun at Clear Lake State Park.

That evening we all gathered at Pam's daughter Kate's campsite for a group dinner. As organizers, we often fear our potlucks will run "out of luck", but as usual we had food of more quantity and quality than we had any right to expect. Appetizers, BBQ chicken, sausages, spaghetti and meatballs, four different salads and homemade cookies – if we didn't have it, you didn't need it. All that and pleasant dinner conversations on a warm April evening near the big

lake – we had it all and can't wait until next year to do it again.



Happy Clear Lake potluck dinner crew.

Spring Fishing 2025 Missoula, Montana By Glenn Stanley



Bitterroot River Brown caught by Glenn this March.

For the past 10+ years, I have joined several fishing friends on an annual early season trip to Missoula, Montana. Usually, the middle of March thru mid-April is a period with a good chance for favorable weather and water conditions. Early spring fishing in Montana is primarily about the Skwala stonefly emergence as well as Baetis (Blue Winged Olive). This combination of bugs is a wake-up call to the trout from their long winter slumber. Many times, the biggest fish of the year can be caught during this early season as they

have had a hiatus from the constant parade of imitations floating by.

Missoula, Montana, features premier trout fishing that populate the Bitterroot, Clark Fork, Blackfoot, and Rock Creek all just minutes apart. Our guides, provided by Missoula River Lodge, had us primarily on the Bitterroot River, but some days were spent on the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers with a brief foray on the Clearwater as well. Water conditions were stable as flows gradually decreased and cleared after a heat-induced rise the previous week. In the spring there is little to gain with an early start when nighttime temps still in the high 20's or low 30's. The water is cold, and the bugs just don't get started till later in the morning. We didn't meet the guides till 9:00 AM and usually were not on the water till 10:00 but still got a full day ending around 5:30 PM when the sun dips below surrounding mountains and a noticeable chill ensues.

The six of us fished four days, experiencing the full gamut of weather from sunny and warm to a full on white-out snowstorm, fortunately at the end of the day. This year's high temperatures in the upper 40s, even without strong winds, will still cause bugs to appear in the afternoon. The Skwalas really start showing when daytime temps push into the 50's or better.



Glenn's daughter, Jenny, with a Brown on the Bitterroot River.

All of us caught fish daily in the 14-18" range with some up to 24"+. Targeted species include West Slope Cutthroat, Rainbows and Browns. An occasional Bull Trout is an incidental catch on the Blackfoot, and of course there are the ever-present Mountain Whitefish. The Clark Fork also presents opportunity to strip large streamers for Northern Pike.

What brings me back year after year is the opportunity to catch some of the biggest fish in these rivers on dry flies! Everyone on our trip caught some photo-worthy fish on the trip. Normal routine is to throw a dry/dropper in the mornings and hopefully a single dry in the afternoon. Interestingly, some fish smashed the dry first thing in the morning—a good omen for dry fly fishing later in the day. While we saw very few hatched Skwalas, there were numerous smaller cousins out, namely the Nemoura stonefly (size 12/14) and Capnia stonefly (16/18). The Nemoura's are enough to get the fish looking up and we took full advantage. Typical patterns are low floating imitations such as a Rogue Stone or Plan B taking advantage of deer hair bullethead with foam bodies. The takes on top are *frightening!* The Cuts, Bows and Browns will smash the fly with reckless abandon but don't set too soon. You've got to let the fish take and turn down before the set. Most times even if a fish is just tipping up for a Baetis floating on the surface it is not necessary to match the hatch as they will readily prefer the much larger Skwala imitation.

DIY opportunities also exist for wading anglers. The past couple of years I have been fortunate to visit my daughter (a determined and deadly fly angler) and her family that live just outside Missoula early in March. I have found some great wade fishing on the Bitterroot. There are numerous fishing access sites along the river and miles of wadable water to work with the lower flows.

A handful of Skwala and Baetis dries along with some Pats Rubber Legs will put you in business. Fish the dry/dropper until surface activity starts and then switch to a single dry. And if the fish just don't cooperate, the scenery is worth the trip. If you ever

get the chance to fish the Missoula area in early spring—DO IT!

Casting for Recovery Trinity River March 2025 Paul Matzen

Seven RRFF members signed up to be river helpers for the Casting for Recovery (CfR) retreat held on March 29th at Indian Creek Lodge, Douglas City on the Trinity River. The high river flows and rain caused the fishing part of the retreat to be held on Saturday instead of Sunday. Gregg Wrisley couldn't make it this year because he was helping with the RRFF fishing event held at Luk Lake on Saturday. I know he was disappointed that he couldn't participate on the CfR Trinity River event.



L to R—RRFF river helpers: Pam, Leafa, Penelope, Paul, Genie, and Jeff.

About 6 ladies fished at Indian Creek Lodge on the Trinity and a few fish were caught and landed from the riverbank. Others had a few grabs. Not too bad for the high flows on the river. The ladies fishing Lewiston Lake didn't have as much luck. Even though the retreat plan had to be adjusted for the weather, the ladies did have a chance to experience wading and casting at Lewiston Lake.



CfR participants, staff and river helpers at Indian Creek Lodge.

The next CfR retreat will be held on Oct. 19, 2025, at Circle 7 Ranch at Fall River. This will require using boats supplied by the Ranch. If anyone has experience with aluminum boats with motors and would like to help or want to get information about being a river helper, contact Nicole Lazarus at 650-906-9432.

Jimmy Green World Championship of Spey Casting Competition April 12 & 13, 2025 By Dave Stone

It was my second consecutive outing to the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club (GGACC) at Golden Gate Park to watch this year's Spey-O-Rama qualifying men's casting competition.

I picked up Mike Spurlock in Marin County and we drove to Golden Gate Park. Upon our arrival, we meandered to the GGACC club house and sat down at one of the breakfast tables and introduced ourselves to a GGACC member from Sacramento that sat across from us. We engaged in a light conversation about the fish and rivers that flow through our Capital City while we ate our 10-buck angler's breakfast.



GGACC middle pond with painted white scoring grid, club house, contestants & early morning audience milling around prior to the competition.

We took up residence on the grassy bank that faced the casting ponds after we finished our breakfast. The day started out brisk with a clear blue sky, warmed up later, and turned out to be perfectly pleasant. The contestants received their competition instructions prior to the commencement of the event. There was an anticipatory atmosphere among the participants. Consequently, the audience buzz began to swell.

I decided to leave my chair and walk around the three casting ponds to warm up and take some photographs. Upon returning, Mike and I still had

time to walk to the row of vendors next to the first practice pond who were selling used fly-fishing equipment and other merchandise related to fly fishing, such as the periodical, *California Fly Fisher*. We introduced ourselves to Tracey Diaz, the Publisher. I stayed a bit longer to talk with Tracey about editing and publishing. It was time to return to our seats, Saturday's Men's Qualifying competition was about to begin. There was an atmosphere of anticipation coming from Saturday's morning audience.

The first contestant, Ed Filice from Santa Rosa, was announced over the PA system as he gingerly walked down the concrete slope of the middle pond to enter the water. The casting station was about 3 feet deep and a short distance from the slope. All contestants were given two minutes to practice their cast warmups.



Unknown Spey-O-Rama contestant. Note the loop forming and his line swiftly moving across the water surface to his right. He launched that line for a long journey.

Each contestant was allotted 12 competition casts during Men's Qualifying competition (Saturday) and during the Men's and Women's Championship (Sunday). Three casts were allowed for each of the four required casting categories. The four categories are: Left Snake, Right Single, Left Single, and Right Snake. The final score for the Qualifying and Championship contestants "is the total of the best (farthest) distances in each of the 4 required casting categories. All casts to be scored must reach the minimum distance. The Women's Division will cast

from the same station as the Men's and Masters divisions. The minimum distance is 70 feet for the Men's and Masters Divisions, 50 feet for the Women. If a cast does not reach the minimum distance with any cast, it is considered out of bounds."

Coincidentally, I had met Ed at our RRFF casting pond a month prior when I had picked up Binky Castleberry to practice our one-handed fly casting at the RRFF pond. Ed was there before we arrived, immersed in casting his two-handed spey rod across the diagonal distances of the pond. His practice yarn-fly was reaching diagonal distances, corner to corner, of 200 +/- feet. I couldn't hold back my question, "Hey Binky, who is that guy?" Binky replied, "Oh, that's Ed."

The Jimmy Green audience did cheer for most of Ed Filice's casting attempts the morning of the Men's Qualifying contest. However, the entire audience let out a huge roar of approval that afternoon when Scotland's Blaine Lyon let rip a cast that sailed over the low concrete barrier separating middle pool from the third pool. The audience continued to murmur until a poolside Cast Distance Measurer announced, "1-8-8," indicating an officially recorded competition cast distance of 188 feet. Upon hearing that number, the audience broke out with another roar of approval.



Middle pond's strips measuring 10-foot intervals.

His spey line amazingly and perfectly unfurled itself showing off its precision and distance as it flew over the water, concrete divider between 2nd and 3rd pools, and then the yarn-fly touched down lightly on the

water of the third pond at the one-hundred eighty-eight-foot mark with the movement and flight of a ballerina's grace and elegance. What a spey casting show!

The following day, Scotland's Blaine Lyon's longest cast was 195 feet, and his four best cast total was 714 feet. Consequently, that winning cast helped him win this year's men's open world title championship.

Why go to the Spey-O-Rama? Our club members may seek to improve their spey casting skills by watching the competition to observe these accomplished international spey casters and absorb technique up close, with an opportunity to ask questions of these individual participants.

For those of you that don't own a spey rod and reel but are curious about the difference between single handed fly casting and double handed spey casting, The Jimmy Green Spey Casting Championship is an event to check out, up close and personal.

For more information about the competition's scoring results and other information, clink [link](#).

Pyramid Princesses By Jenny Tighe



Top row, RRFF members Jenny Tighe far left and Shelley Wishovich third from left. Plus, women from NorCal Women on the Fly Club

Visiting Pyramid Lake had always been a dream of mine—its world-class fishery, prehistoric history, and the chance to catch native Lahontan cutthroat drew me in. On Black Friday 2024, I set off on a solo expedition to Pyramid in my little green car. It was a

cold and windy day, and after five fishless hours, frozen fingers, and water in my waders, I called it quits.



Jenny Tighe and her Lahontan.

When RRFF didn't have any Pyramid trips planned for 2025, I reached out to NorCal Women on the Fly (NCWOTF) about their annual Easter trip. At a January RRFF general meeting, I found out Shelley was going too! I was excited, but because I would be a rookie at Pyramid Lake, I hit the Thursday night casting clinics and gave up Sunday ski days to practice my cast on the Truckee River and Prosser Reservoir.



Shelley Wishovich and her 2025 Lahontan.

When Easter weekend arrived, our crew of five NCWOTF ladies, Shelley, and I clicked instantly – three of us even shared the name Jen/Jenny. The NCWOTF ladies gifted us all Easter baskets filled with club swag, fishing goodies, and of course, bunny ears! We all stayed at the spacious Pyramid Lake Lodge ranch

house and kicked things off with karaoke and Jell-O shots at the bar on Friday night.

On Saturday at dawn, we met our guides, Morgan and Cody of Pyramid Fly Co. We caravanned together to Pelican Point to fish “Party Rock.” I used a 7wt switch rod with a 10wt reel and Rio Lake Chucker line with two chironomids under a barrel swivel. It was my first time using a two-handed rod, but the guides gave me a quick lesson and I landed the first fish of the trip. Shortly after, Shelley landed her first catch as well. The weather was sunny, spirits high, and every hook-up was met with loud cheers, music, dancing, and Micheladas. The guides kept us fueled with breakfast burritos, teriyaki skewers, and homemade pizza on their Blackstone griddle. That night, we danced until midnight with a Reno DJ, and I even shared a dance with Sean “The Mayor” for catching the most fish that day.

Easter Sunday brought out the bunny ears, laughs, and more fish. It was another beautiful, clear day and the morning chop on the water gave the flies some nice movement. The girls joked that I hit my quota already, but the fish had other plans—I caught the first fish again, ending the weekend with six total.




On Easter Sunday, Jenny with her Lahontan and her first catch of that day with friends celebrating.

Shelly landed another gorgeous cutthroat, and Nera earned a “15 pounder club” pin after landing two huge hens. I nearly lost my rod to a massive fish, but Morgan, our guide, saved it and after an epic battle, I brought it in for our final group photo. It was the

largest trout I have ever landed, and it took me to my backing—it felt like fighting a salmon!

By the end of the weekend, every woman had landed a fish—even a new friend, also named Jenny, from the Wasatch Women’s Fly-Fishing Club. We’re already planning our October trip to Pyramid, this time fishing from Water Masters. Want to join or learn more? Visit norcalwomenonthefly.com or follow them on Instagram.


Important Message from the RRFF Board of Directors. Please click on the 2025 Ballot below which will bring you to our website. You will have two choices: You can either vote by filling the fields on our website (which is preferred) or you can scroll down and download the ballot to print and fill out then mail it to Brenden Galten. **RRFF Ballot for Members Only!**



Russian River Fly Fishers

2025 Ballot

Officers & Board of Directors



The following candidates have been nominated by the RRFF Board of Directors and our General Membership to serve for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. You may choose to elect the candidate slate as presented or you may write-in other RRFF Board Members as club officers.

RRFF Officers

President

1.) Daniel Powers
2.) _____

Vice-President

1.) Penelope Gadd-Coster
2.) _____

Board Members - (Elected for a 2-year Term)

1.) Steve Tubbs	5.) Mike Borba
2.) Gregg Wrisley	6.) Jeff Cratty
3.) Michael Bluto	7.) Paul Matzen
4.) Don Shaw	

I choose to elect the Candidate Slate as presented above.
(Check box to accept ballot as presented.)

Returning Board Members (beginning second year of 2-year Term)

1.) Mike Spurlock	5.) Pam Boyd Decoite
2.) Doug Mackay	6.) Tracie Koenig
3.) Ed Barich	7.) Penelope Gadd-Coster
4.) Catherine Miller	8.) Daniel Powers

Please return all ballots by June 7, 2025
Vote online at rrflyfisher.org

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Casting Instruction: **Don Shaw**

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Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

(if possible, we prefer that you use the on-line application on our website where you can also pay online:

<https://www.rrflyfisher.org/membership-application--payment.html>

I acknowledge in this agreement, and fully understand, that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action or to assert a claim against Russian River Fly Fishers (RRFF) for its negligence. This agreement is valid for all RRFF sanctioned events, (fishing outings, picnics, dinner fund raisers, meetings, pond casting clinics, etc.) some of which are open to the public and all of which are covered by RRFF insurance. As a club member you are approved to participate in certain covered events which are not available to non-members: fishing outings and training for fly-casting certification.

Note: Private activities arranged by club members (not sponsored or approved by the club) are not sanctioned and will not be covered by RRFF insurance.

I have read this statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers.

***Indicates required field.**

*Name _____ *Date _____

*How did you hear about us? _____ *Referred by? _____

*Address _____ *City/State/Zip _____

*Preferred Phone: Home _____ or Cell _____ *E-mail _____

Occupation _____ *Signature _____

* I'm applying as a new member. Circle (Yes / No). I'm renewing my existing membership. Circle (Yes / No).

*Check the box below that is applicable:

- Single membership - \$50 annual dues
- Junior membership - \$25 annual dues (age 16-18 or live >75 miles from Santa Rosa)
- Gold membership - \$1,000 (one-time)
- Family Membership - \$55 annual dues. List family members: _____

Membership includes a woman who would like to be contacted by our RRFF Women's Group:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

The club would like to help you meet your fly-fishing needs. How many years have you been fly fishing? _____

Check any areas you want help with:

- I would like help learning or improving my fly-fishing cast.
- I would like advice on fishing equipment.
- I would like a lesson in tying knots.
- I would like a lesson in tying flies.
- I would like to have an experienced member mentor me on local waters or on a club outing.
- Any other areas not mentioned above _____

*How are you planning to pay? _____

Note: Dues paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 1st of any year will cover the balance of that year and the membership dues for the following fiscal year. The RRFF fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE at www.rrflyfisher.org. OR NEW MEMBERS, MAY MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:

RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS, C/O MIKE SPURLOCK, 20 SAN DOMINGO WAY, NOVATO , CA 94945